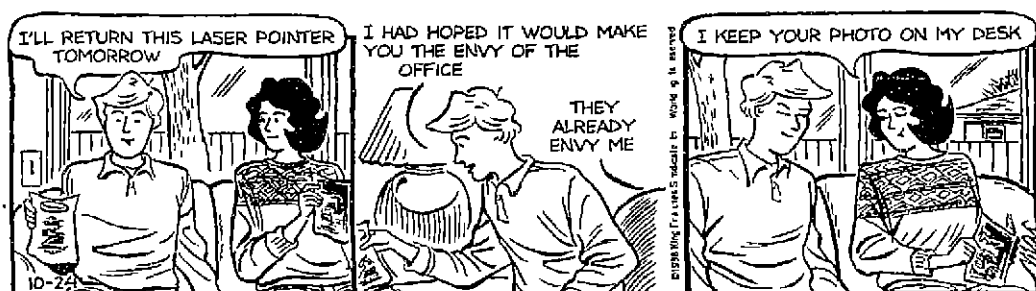


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



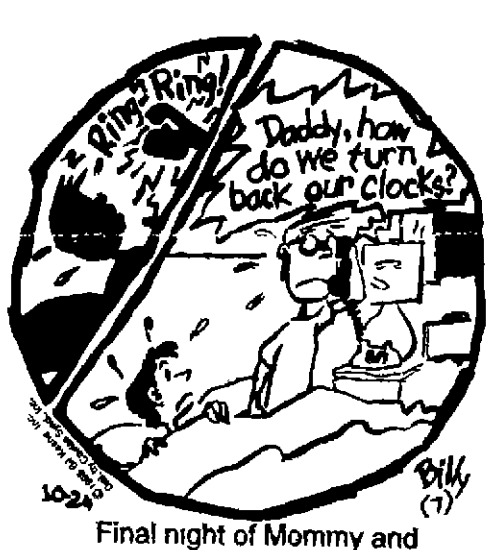
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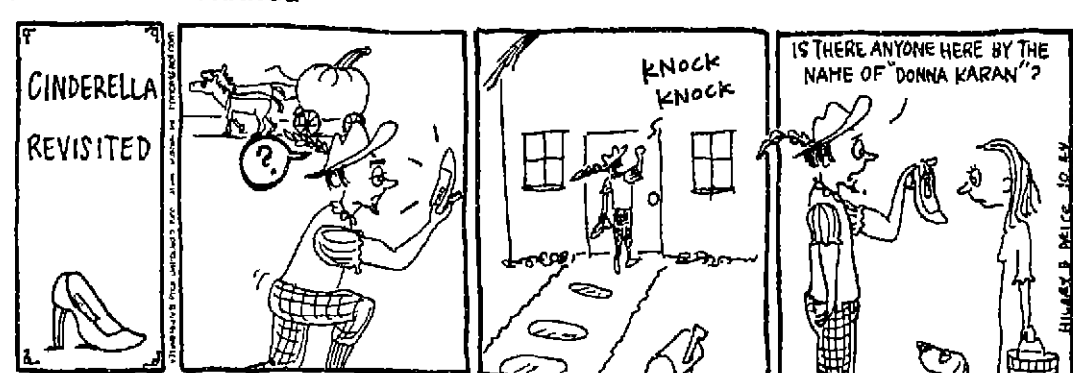
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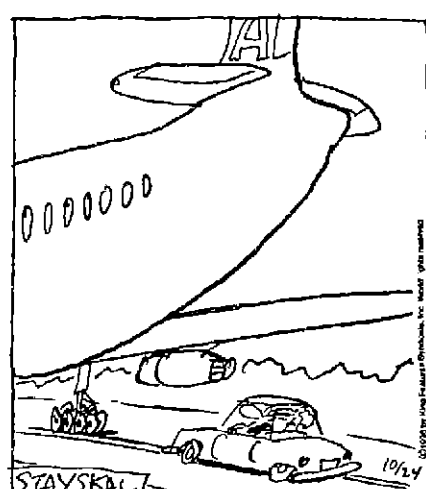
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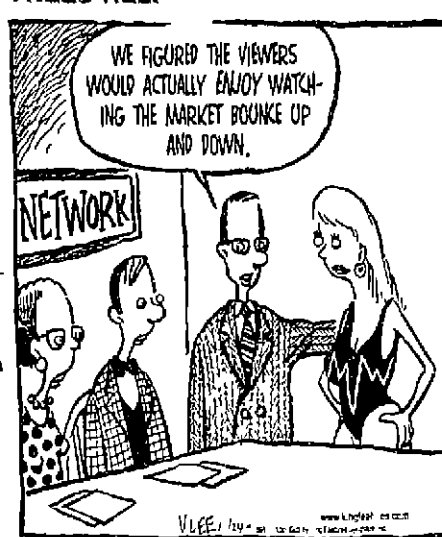
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Football Hall-of-famer Y.A. Tittle is 72
Rock musician Bill Wyman is 62.
Actor-producer David Nelson is 62
Actor F. Murray Abraham is 59
Actor Kevin Kline is 51
NAACP President Kweisi Mfume is 50
Actor B.D. Wong is 36
Rock musician Ben Gillies (Silverchair) is 19
Singer Monica is 18

I NEED HELP



Pamela Lee stars in "Wall Street Watch"

SCRABBLE

Double Word Score

D	L	O	A	E	B	R
G	S	D	H	E	E	A
C	R	U	U	E	E	S
W	N	D	U	O	U	N

PAR SCORE 100-110
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10/24/98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Words ending in "eon"

Z Q N K H D A X U R P M J G D
A X V S Q N K P I F D A X V T
Q O F N M J H A F C A Y W U R
P N N R O L J N N N N N N H F
S D B O E E N T O O O O O Z X
U V T R E O L H Q E E E E E O
R M K I E H N E L L G G G N P
G H F L D B C O M L Z R D I Y
E W C V T R P N Q A O U U I P
O U N L K A I H U G H B L T W
N O E G N U D F D L C C B A S

Friday's unlisted clue: RAZOR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hint: REFRIGERATION FLUID

Bludgeon	Galleon	Nucleon	Sturgeon
Burgeon	Luncheon	Perihelion	Surgeon
Chameleon	Napoleon	Pean	Widgeon
Dungeon	Neon	Pigeon	

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

West led his heart king and shifted to his singleton club after East played the deuce. South took dummy's ace, cashed the king and ace of trumps and led a heart toward dummy's queen. West took his ace and exited, leading a heart to dummy's queen. South discarded his low diamond and he no longer needed the diamond finesse. South carelessly led a low club from dummy, intending to claim against any 3-2 break. East took his jack, the 4-1 club break was exposed, and South could no longer prevail. East had an easy diamond exit, and South had to concede another club for one down. Avoiding the diamond finesse was a smart move. Conceding a low club, thus relying on a 3-2 break, was suicidal. South should cash dummy's club king instead of conceding a low club. When West discards, South cashes his diamond ace and leads a trump to dummy. Then he gives West the diamond trick. On this, South discards a club and West must concede a ruff and sluff, and South has his game-going trick.

NORTH 10-2-4
 ♠ K J 9 6
 ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ A K 6 2

WEST 5-2
 ♠ A K J 9 6
 ♥ K 10 9 7 4
 ♦ 8

EAST 7-3
 ♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ 8 5 3 2
 ♦ Q J 9 7

SOUTH 4-10-5-4
 ♠ 4
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ 10 5 4 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	1♠	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Heart king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0912

ACROSS

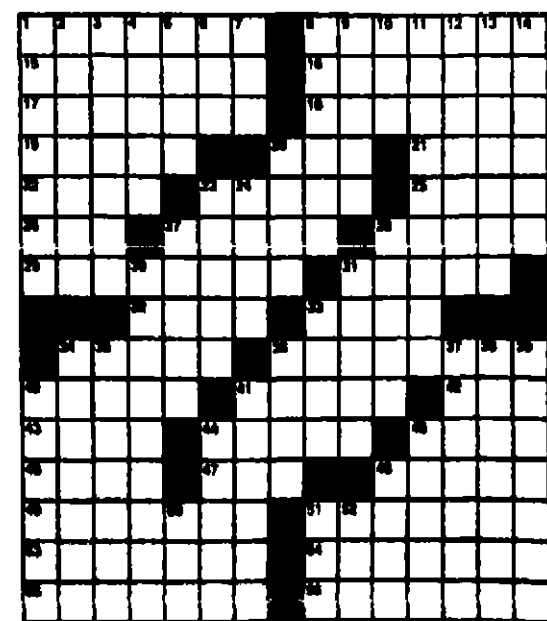
- 1 Lift
- 6 Bright spot on a meteorological halo
- 18 Wika Cather heroine
- 16 Where Catalan is spoken
- 17 Thought
- 19 Coppersmith's creation, e.g.
- 19 Mind
- 20 Wave on the Ebro
- 21 Undress
- 22 Problems for parents
- 23 Drive drink
- 25 Crescent
- 26 Goose egg

DOWN

- 27 Like tabloid writing
- 28 Like Rabelaisian writing
- 29 Screenwriter's creation
- 31 Ballet follower
- 32 Psycho's lover
- 33 Remote option
- 34 Speleologist
- 35 Ignored
- 40 Amorous advances, slangily
- 41 Taxes
- 42 — de coeur
- 43 Daminozide brand
- 44 Popular strolling sites
- 45 Half of a leaf
- 46 Insignificant

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

NAVIGABLE FINAL
ACIDULOUS ENOLA
TELEPHONE NUMBER
DESPITE ODESSA
THE STEM
SPINNET LARGO
OASIS NAYO ROAR
FILM PAYIN INTO
TREE OVEN NADER
STAUER REMARK
NEED DEW
APOLLO ZODIAC
NOTIFICATION
TUTOR ALTOFLUTE
STONY AUSTERE



Clues by Barbara A. Stern

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 30 Raven's remark | 40 Annapurna is one | 48 Far from ruddy |
| 31 Further units | 41 Gitter | 49 Shell requite |
| 32 Woods | 42 Martin Alonso Pinzon's ship | 50 — mother |
| 33 National Monument | 43 They're pocketed in dells | 51 "Don August" actress |
| 34 Arrange the sheets | | 52 Hartmann |
| 35 Helped | | |
| 36 Tough going | | |
| 37 Egg-shaped instrument | | |
| 38 Need for speed | | |
| 39 Decorates 60's style | | |
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